



2009 County Agricultural Investment Program Revisions

Agricultural Diversification:

- Include washing equipment in Commercial Vegetable area.
- Move Timber Production Investment Area back as an eligible area.

Cattle Genetics Improvement:

- Remove the number of heads limit.

Cattle Handling Facilities:

- Include animal waste removal under “animal waste handling and distribution equipment”.

Commercial Poultry, Dairy, & Swine:

- Combine these three investment areas into one.

Commercial Poultry Component:

- Remove the following eligible items:
 - Equipment essential to provide on-farm value-added processing.
 - Refrigerated and non-refrigerated equipment for transporting product.
 - Promotional and advertising materials.

Dairy Component:

- Change forage mixers to **forage/TMR mixers**.
- Include hoof trimming chutes, foot baths, and shade cloth.
- Include water beds after free-stall mattresses.
- Change calf-raising facilities to **young stock facilities**.

Swine Component:

- Include animal waste handling and distribution equipment.

Farm Livestock Fencing Improvement:

- Increase cost-share from \$1.00/linear foot to \$1.50/linear foot.
- Remove the per acre calculation option and simply pay based on feet of fence built.

Forage Improvement & Utilization:

- Include herbicide in the Forage/Pasture Development and Pasture/Grain Improvement sections.
- Include animal waste removal under Forage/Pasture Development section.
- Include Festulolium as in eligible cost-share under the Cool Season Forages.
- Include expenses associated with water meter installation under Fence and Water section.

Farm Structure & Commodity Handling:

- Formerly **Hay, Straw, & Commodity Storage.**
- Change from “Hay Handling Equipment” to “Commodity Handling Equipment” and include hay rings and concrete and portable feed bunks.
- Change round bale wagon to hay wagon and bale packager to bale accumulator.
- Change payments from 90/10 to 100% at the completion of the project.

Goat & Sheep Diversification:

- Combine Side Panels, Gates, and One-way Gates into one Gates category.
- Require that equipment must be owned and maintained for 5 years to be consistent with other programs.

On-Farm Water Enhancement:

- Include expenses associated with water meter installation.

Shared-use Equipment:

- State that collection of future rental fees as match for the equipment purchase is not allowed.

Technology:

- No recommended changes.

Regional Agri-tourism:

- Applicants may apply to the KADB no more than twice.
- A maximum eligible limit is set of \$50,000 each time.

Farmers' Market:

- May request feasibility study for Regional Farmer's Market over \$100,000.
- Program is no longer competitive.

General Guideline Changes:

- A.5. A producer is defined by use of **Social Security Number (SSN) and Farm Serial Number (FSN). Both shall be provided when applying. Once the Social Security Number (SSN) or Farm Serial Number (FSN) is used, neither are eligible to be used again once annual limit is reached.**
- A.7. Administrative funds are intended to pay expenses related to administering the Kentucky Agricultural Development Funds programs. Funds shall not be used for unrelated expenses. GOAP reserves the right to request proof of expenses.
- A.8. All County Agricultural Investment Programs (C.A.I.P.) shall have a 5% cap on all administrative funds.
- C.3. Tenant farmers or those leasing land where capital construction improvements will be located should supply a copy of their Schedule F as well as a letter from the land owner giving permission to use owner's FSN and agreeing to allow the tenant access to the cost-share items for a minimum of five years.
- D.3. Cost-share on Labor is **not** an eligible item; materials only.
 - Documented hired labor is an eligible cost-share item in the On-Farm Energy Efficiency & Production Investment Area.
- D.5. [For capital improvement/equipment projects] Producers shall provide an annual report to administrators on the program and maintain ownership of the property for 5 years past the participation date in the program. Should a producer fail to maintain ownership of property for the entire 5 years, administrators shall request a return of funds on a pro-rated basis*. Failure to return funds will result in producer being ineligible to receive additional Kentucky Agricultural Development funds.

*Emergency early release is possible in the case of death, illness, physical inability or transfers within immediate family and must be approved by the local administrative entity.
- D.7. Producers shall retain adequate insurance coverage, if applicable, to replace any and all capital improvement/equipment projects funded with Kentucky Agricultural Development Funds.